







## MARSHFIELD.

Mr. Fred Petersen has moved from the "The Old Dr. Paine House" to Rev. B. R. Bosworth's place on South River St.

A Correction—We are pleased to make the correction that Mr. James Ford, who is in his ninetieth year, made the trip to North Weymouth and back the other day, instead of Hingham stated in our last.

A general moving is occasioned by Mr. Josiah Randall selling his place in Marshfield to Mr. Chester Bradford, Mr. D. B. Roberts, who has occupied the Randall place, goes to Mr. Martin Paine's place in Crook-st Lane. Mr. George W. Bradford, who lives in the Paine house, moves to the house from which Mr. Chester Bradford is to move when he takes possession of his newly purchased home. The trouble is who shall move first.

## GRACE CHAPEL.

Although Sunday was one of our most uncomfortable days, there was a good attendance at the little chapel to hear Mr. Van Ness, who is a favorite here. The day was well calculated to test the heating capacity of the new furnace, which worked admirably. A donation of children's books has been received from Scituate. The building of the church here and the meeting to-gather the neighbors each Sabbath, has served to unite them and increase their interest in each other; and though this winter we are few in numbers (as there have many families left for the winter), still there is a feeling of cordiality and of friendliness, which is pleasant to see. There is a fine fire and not much of a single service. We much regretted that more of our friends up town did not avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing Mr. Ellis, at the time of the dedication as it is seldom we have so fine a speaker among us. The motto chosen, which so nicely fitted over the arched windows behind the pulpit, was Mr. Webster's favorite, "Love I believe, help thou my unbelief."

## "GREEN HARBOR."

**EAST MARSHFIELD.**

We visited the Orthodox church last Sabbath, to hear Rev. Dr. Lane, its pastor. His sermon was a learned discourse. Dr. Lane is a scholar, and doubts run in my mind as I listened to his eloquence whether an audience in a country village not used to discourses of so deep a strain, could appreciate a man of such scholarly attainments, as they do. Better aim too high than too low, and better for all to look up, than down, it elevates us. We need to cajole our brains and think more.

The young folks of our village have formed a Mutual Improvement Club, with Jos. C. Hagan for President, Miss Lulu Griffin for Vice President, Miss Flora Hall for Secretary and Winthrop Hall for Treasurer. They meet once a week. Discussion one week, and reading the next. A very good thing, the winter evenings cannot be passed more profitably. Debate is one of the best exercises for the young, it gives them confidence and self command, and when in after years, in taking their places among their fellow men, if they have anything to say in any public gathering, they will not feel obliged to elbow their neighbor and whisper in his ear (if he dares to speak) to say so and so for him, but will rise and speak for himself, with greater effect than one can for him.

## TRANSIT OF VENUS.

The day of the transit of Venus was somewhat clouded, in East Marshfield, was occasional glimpses, were had, of the transit. The people of the scope of Mr. Geo. Weatherbee gave very fine and clear views of it and many in the village availed themselves of the opportunity of witnessing it, and it was curious to see how the vision varied in different individuals. Some thought that through the telescope Venus looked as large as the moon, while others thought it was as large as a cent piece, and some thought it was as large as a ten cent piece, and so with the naked eye, some thought it looked the size of a pea and some the size of a saucer. The moon appears to some the size of a half peck measure, while to others it looks as large as a cent piece. It is a great mystery, as no one can for him.

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**SEA VIEW.**

Frank T. Ames while skating on Walker's pond last Saturday fell on the ice badly wrenching his knee. He was conveyed to his home and has since been confined to the house.

Miss Joanna Little left town Thursday morning. She will pass the winter with Mrs. Jennie O'Donnell in Dorchester. This, with the departure of Mr. Allen Little for California last week, causes the closing of the old Solomon Little house which has not been closed before for more than 40 years.

Mr. Marvin Whalen, the owner of "Evergreen" Hingham has petitioned for an award of damages from the Northeast Roads railroad, by reason of land taken and the bridging of West River. This makes the third suit against the railroad now in progress.

## United States Life Saving Service.

### For the MARSHFIELD MAN.

## WEST SCITUATE.

The Social Temple celebrate their anniversary on Wednesday eve, Dec. 27 and have their Christmas tree on the same evening.

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The United States Life Saving Service, as it is called, is second to none in its importance. It is well deserved by all nations, for many of them as far as possible, adopting the system. It has been brought to its present state of efficiency, principally by the enterprise and untiring exertions of the present General Superintendent of the Service, Mr. Charles Dally. Now, as far as his knowledge of the business of the Service, would be to his credit were Mr. Kimball found it in his power to do so, I am sure it would be to be hoped that Congress will not commit itself to a similar course with respect to the Service.

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Mr. Charles Dally has commenced his winter campaign in good season. His teams are rushing the pine logs to the saw mills, about here, in earnest. Apparently Mr. Dally thinks the demand for lumber is to be good.

A few days ago Mr. Alpheus Damon finding that something was visiting his henry with evil intent set a steel trap beside a roosted hen. It had been killed, and was rewarded by catching a large hawk, measuring four feet two inches from tip to tip of extended wings. Mr. Damon has placed "bird-nest" in the hands of J. Bates, W. Scituate, Taxidermist, who, with his usual skill, will doubtless put his hawk into a mount.

On the 1st of December the town is giving out signs of improvement, and that large tracts on the four remarkable hills which bound it by the sea had been recently purchased by capitalist from the city, and in so far instances from even the distant West, with the intention of erecting cottages and villas, and thus everything indicated the advancement of the condition of a popular summer resort, for which its reputation for health-giving air afforded warrant. I called upon Mr. George Lunt, the recently well known lawyer and citizen of Boston, who has taken great interest in the projected improvement of the harbor. I knew that he had been engaged in the work, and I took him to see the first breakwater, which has been in course of construction since the summer of 1881. The piers stones used, were to be less than five hundred weight, are brought hither from Quincy quarries, and are placed in the pastures of Scituate, to the great benefit of farmers, and also to the great benefit of the town, which is to be derived upon the completion of the work.

The project was already presented a formidable aspect, and was to be completed in a year, or so, of spending \$100,000 toward the channel. One hundred feet are to be added to it. There

is to be a second breakwater on the opposite side of the harbor, an eighth of a mile higher up the shore, of 700 feet in length, the two thus partially overlapping each other.

Both, when completed, will be four feet wide, and eight feet high, and eight feet deep.

The object is to exclude the natural wash up toward the channel, and to have his ear, as to catch the echo of a groan. Every one seemed to be enjoying themselves, and as that was the object aimed at, we can call the occasion a success.

## CHURCH HILL.

Good skating on the factory pond and the young folks are improving it. The Methodists have their Christmas tree Monday evening.

Mr. Charles Stearns has bought out the blacksmith shop of the late John Stetson and is running it in connection with his wheelchair shop.

Mr. Melvin Little has again put on his order wagon and is picking up quite a trade. He has his old clerk back again, Mr. Walley C. Barnard.

The entertainment announced to take place at the Academy came off

on the evening of Saturday Dec. 23rd, at seven o'clock.

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Rev. Mr. Evans, recently engaged to supply the First Congregational Church at Hanover Center, was visited by a large number of his friends at the parsonage last Tuesday evening and made the recipient of many tokens of regard.

## SOUTH SCITUATE.

Mr. Williams, the photographer, will be open every day during Christmas week.

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Persons having sleighs have had a chance to skip over our roads for a few days, and the young folks are having grand times skating and coasting.

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